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604b pre-RFR questions
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1) Clarify eligibility of 604b projects within MS4 areas.

604b work in MS4 areas remains eligible for funding in advance of NPDES permit requirements, including the following types of projects:

- 1) Green infrastructure & LID Development
- 2) Development of Stormwater Utilities
- 3) Development of Watershed Based plans
- 4) Development of BMP implementation plans
- 5) Water Quality Assessment.

While these projects may not lead to 319 eligibility, they are eligible for funding under 604b.

2) Is assessment of mixed nonpoint and point sources eligible for 604b?

While 604b projects can assess both point and non-point sources of pollution, a discharge that is known to be predominantly from an industrial facility or WWTP would not be eligible. A project that conducts a survey to assess water quality impacts from a mix of both point and non-point sources could be eligible if the point sources of pollution are not contributing more than 50% of the pollutant load.

3) Can we see a list of other Watershed Based plans that are in development on the Watershed-based plan web site?

The public will be able to see completed plans. DEP staff will be able to see partial plans that are in development.

This information is available in alternate format. Contact Michelle Waters-Ekanem, Director of Diversity/Civil Rights at 617-292-5751.

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